

Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
 Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
 Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner



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FARM VIABILITY GRANT SUPPORTS CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The Farm Viability Grant program, administered by the Department of Agriculture (DoAg), provides matching funds to Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that sustain and enhance agriculture in their communities. Applications for this year's program will be accepted November 13 – 20, 2018.

"Our partnering municipalities, COGs, and agricultural non-profits have used these funds in highly productive ways to grow and support farming while benefiting their communities as a whole," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "I urge municipal leaders and other qualifying organizations to apply to the Farm Viability Grant program and join us in furthering Connecticut farms, food production, and related initiatives."

The Bethany Community Garden was awarded a 2015 Farm Viability Grant. That year, the \$237,559 total awarded to 16 grantees leveraged \$263,749 in matching funds as part of the competitive matching grant program. Each recipient may apply for up to \$49,000.

The Bethany Community Garden raised bed construction

project added 30 beds to the existing 19-bed garden, fueled by unmet demand for garden plots. The project also included extending the water line and installing a spigot in the expanded section of the garden and installation of deer fencing around the garden, which is located at 90 Pole Hill Road, Bethany, CT. The garden now consists of 49 raised beds, including four double-height and handicapped-accessible beds, all of which were fully rented for the season.

"The Bethany Community Garden has had an impact on the larger community beyond the gardeners," said board member Aileen Magda. "Neighbors and passersby stop in to stroll through the gardens and ad-

mire the beauty and diversity of the plantings in the beds."

In addition to providing a sunny and inviting location where residents can visit and grow flowers and vegetables, the garden also benefits the local food pantry. The produce grown in two dedicated raised beds is donated to the Jewish Family Services food pantry in New Haven, and has supplied more than 700 pounds of produce to the food pantry since the garden's opening.

The Bethany Community Garden, which opened for planting on May 30, 2015, was created by the Bethany Community Garden Board, a subcommittee of the Bethany Garden Club. The Board is composed of six members, who are UConn Certified Master Gardeners and/or Master Composters. Board members collaborated on designing the size and layout of the garden, and guided the garden proposal through the municipal approval process.

The Bethany Community Garden project was supported by a \$4,192 Farm Viability Grant. The grant was supplemented with a \$3,422 match from the Bethany Community Garden to cover the \$7,614 community garden expansion project.

The Farm Viability Grant requires applicants provide a minimum 40-percent match of grant funds. Funded projects often

exceed the requirement, however, and on average provide 75 percent of the total project cost through cash and in-kind services.

Knox, Inc. received a 2016 grant for expansion of their urban incubator farming program in Hartford. The \$19,500 award helped add an additional 0.75 acres of land and 4,000 square feet of greenhouse space for six incubator farmers. The grant, which leveraged a cash match of \$51,837, also paid for a portion of the cost associated with installation of a new washing station at the Laurel Street farm for improved food safety.

The Bridgewater Land Trust was

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A volunteer works on one of four beds that make up the pollinator corner at the Bethany Community Garden. The garden has 49 raised beds including four double height, handicapped accessible beds available for mobility impaired gardeners.

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.09	1.37
LARGE	1.03	1.17
MEDIUM	.67	.80

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.74	1.89
LARGE	1.65	1.79
MEDIUM	1.16	1.26
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	108.50	113.00
Choice 2-3	103.00	107.00
Select 1-2	98.00	103.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	84.00	87.00
Choice 1-2	81.00	83.00
Select 1-2	78.00	81.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	100.00	101.00
Select 1-2	95.00	96.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 98-118 lbs	90.00	102.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	51.00	55.50
boners 80-85% lean	48.00	52.50
lean 88-90% lean	42.00	48.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	125.00	150.00
60-80 lbs	165.00	175.00
80-100 lbs	185.00	205.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	215.00
130-180 lbs	205.00	225.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	210.00	235.00
150-250 lbs	270.00	335.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS			
52-56	200-300 lbs	48.00	58.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00	49.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	35.00	48.00
	300-350 lbs	38.00	43.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	450-500 lbs	30.50	32.50
	500-700 lbs	27.00	34.00
Boars			
	300-400 lbs	5.00	18.00

CARLISLE, PA GRADED FEEDER PIGS

Monday, October 8, 2018

US1-2			
	13-18 lbs	30.00	40.00
	25-27 lbs	40.00	70.00
	35-39 lbs	45.00	50.00
	60-77 lbs	75.00	92.00
US 2			
	30-35 lbs	40.00	65.00
	44-46 lbs	30.00	62.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. Oct. 12, 2018.

ALFALFA/GRASS			
	SUPREME	410.00	430.00
GRASS HAYS			
	GOOD	250.00	320.00
	FAIR	150.00	195.00
	STRAW	215.00	245.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CRTLND, 80, CRT, XFCY	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CRTLND, 88, CRT, XFCY	30.00	31.00
APPLE, GALA, LOOSE, NG	22.00	22.00
APPLE, HONYCRISP, BU, NG	45.00	45.00
APPLE, MAC, 80, CRT, XFCY	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, 88, CRT, XFCY	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, 100, CRT, XFCY	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, 125, CRT	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, CRT	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MACOUN, 80, CRT, XFCY	38.00	38.00
APPLE, CRISPIN, BU, NG	22.00	22.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEANS, WAX, BU, CRT	28.00	30.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY, BU, CRT	38.00	38.00
BROCC, CRN CUT, 20 LB LOOSE	17.00	22.00
CAULIFLOWER, WHITE, 9S, CRT	15.00	16.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	19.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	21.00
CORN, ORN, INDIAN, BNCH, 20-3S	45.00	50.00
CORN, ORN, BLUE, BNCH, 20-3S	28.00	32.00
CORN, ORN, POP, BNCH, 20-3S	45.00	50.00
CORNSTALKS, /BUNDLE, 5	5.00	8.00
CORN, SWEET, 5 DOZ	20.00	20.00
CRANBERRIES, 24-12 OZ	32.00	33.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M	20.00	24.00
GOURDS, ORNAMENT, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
GOURDS, ORN, SHELLACK 1/2 BU	22.00	25.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, M-L	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, JALAPENO, 1-1/9, M-L	26.00	28.00
PEPPER, LONG HOT, 1-1/9, GREEN	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, POBLANO, 1-1/9	18.00	20.00
PMPKN, CNDERL, OR, 24" BIN, L	285.00	300.00
PMPKN, FAIRYTL, OR, 24" BIN, L	285.00	300.00
PMPKN, HOWDN, OR, 36" BIN, JBO	200.00	225.00
PMPKN, HOWDN, OR, 36" BIN, XL	175.00	200.00
PMPKN, HOWDN, OR, 36" BIN, L	175.00	200.00
PMPKN, HOWDN, WH, 24" BIN, JBO	400.00	400.00
PMPKN, PIE, OR, 1/2 BU, M	20.00	25.00
PMPKN, PIE, OR, 24" BIN, M	250.00	285.00
PMPKN, PIE, OR, 36" BIN, M	270.00	300.00
PMPKN, BGMACK, OR, 36" BIN, JB	200.00	225.00
PMPKN, BGMACK, OR, 36" BIN, XL	175.00	200.00
PMPKN, BGMACK, OR, 36" BIN, L	175.00	200.00
PMPKN, BGMACK, OR, 36" BIN, M	175.00	200.00
PMPKN, BGMACK, OR, 36" BIN, S	175.00	200.00
PMPKN, HEIRLOOM, 1/2 BU, S	18.00	20.00
PMPKN, MINI, 1/2 BU, S	18.00	20.00
RASPBERRIES, 12-1 PT, L	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9, M-L	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9, M-L	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9, L	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, L	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, XL	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, CARNIVAL, 1-1/9, L	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1-1/9, L	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, BLUE HUB, 1-1/9, L	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, L	15.00	18.00
STRAW BALE, STAND, 1 BALE	7.00	8.00
STRAW BALE, MINI, 1 BALE	4.50	5.50
TOMS, GHS, 10 LBS, HEIRLOOM	24.00	28.00
TOMS, GHS, 15 LBS, HEIRLOOM	28.00	30.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE, 11LBS, S-M	15.00	15.00
TOM, GHS, CHRRY, 10 LB CRT, S-M	21.00	22.00
TOM, GHS, CHRRY, 5 LB FLAT, S-M	15.00	17.50
TOM, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ, S-M	20.00	24.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - October 15, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	15.00
61-75 lbs.	20.00	27.50
76-90 lbs.	30.00	35.00
91-105 lbs.	37.50	40.00
106 lbs. & up	42.50	45.00
Farm Calves	50.00	55.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	90.00	150.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	140.00
Beef Heifers	73.00	84.00
Feeder Steers	100.00	150.00
Beef Steers	55.00	75.00
Feeder Bulls	110.00	145.00
Beef Bulls	61.00	65.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	120.00	130.00
Lambs each	80.00	212.50
Goats each	50.00	360.00
Kid Goats each	35.00	150.00
Canners	up to	45.00
Cutters	46.00	49.00
Utility Grade Cows	50.00	53.00
Rabbits each	5.00	45.00
Chickens each	3.00	24.00
Ducks each	6.00	12.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale. \$/unit listed.

Long stem unless noted. October 16, 2018.

AMRNTHS, HANG, NENG, /BN	12.00	12.00
DAHLIA, NENG, 5/BN	10.00	12.50
DAHLIA, XL, NENG, 5/BN	15.00	17.50
HYDRNGA, PG, NENG, /BN	12.00	12.50
SEDUM, XL, NENG, /BN	10.00	10.00
SUNFLWR, NENG, 5/BN	7.50	8.75
SUNFLWR, NENG, EA	1.00	1.00
ZINNIA, XL, NENG, /BN	12.00	12.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH COWS		
APPROVED	975.00	1300.00
MEDIUM	650.00	950.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED, FEW	875.00	1075.00
MEDIUM	450.00	725.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	700.00	1050.00
MEDIUM	450.00	675.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	625.00	925.00
MEDIUM	350.00	625.00
SHORT BRED HEIFERS (1-3 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	450.00	750.00
MEDIUM	300.00	475.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
100-300 LBS		
APPROVED, FEW	200.00	275.00
300-600 LBS		
APPROVED	325.00	525.00
MEDIUM	200.00	375.00
600-900 LBS		
APPROVED	325.00	625.00
MEDIUM	250.00	400.00
900-1200 LBS		
APPROVED	500.00	710.00

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one of 24 organizations awarded funds through the 2017 Farm Viability Grant program. A \$24,000 grant funded a portion of the repair of roofs on two barns used by the Bridgewater Land Trust and neighboring farmer Bud Wright for hay and equipment storage. Bud Wright recently preserved his 43-acre farm through DoAg's Farmland Preservation Program in partnership with the Weantinog Heritage Land Trust.



The new walk-in cooler and covered wash station at Knox, Inc. incubator farm in Hartford were funded in part by a DoAg 2016 Farm Viability Grant.

The approximately \$450,000 in total 2017 Farm Viability Grant awards leveraged about \$580,000 in matching funds and in-kind services.

Since the Farm Viability Grant program began through the passage of the 2005 Community Investment Act (CIA) approximately \$5,300,000 has been awarded to 236 projects. These grant funds have been used to leverage more than \$2,500,000 of matching funds and \$13,000,000 of in-kind contributions to support Connecticut agriculture.



The Bridgewater Land Trust was awarded a 2017 Farm Viability Grant for repair and replacement of leaking roofs on barns used for hay and equipment storage.

In addition to the Farm Viability Grant, CIA funds also support municipal open space and land preservation projects, historic preservation, affordable housing programs, and new infrastructure to support and promote Connecticut agriculture. CIA funding is generated from a \$40 fee collected by municipal clerks for re-recording documents into land records.

Farm Viability Grant applications are due to DoAg by 4:00 p.m. on November 20, 2018. For additional information about the application process, visit www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

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AG JOB CONNECTION

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**FARM VIABILITY GRANT
APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 20**

Grant guidelines and applications for DoAg's Farm Viability Grant program are available online and must be submitted by November 20. The Farm Viability Grant can provide matching funds to Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that foster agricultural viability. Please note this program may be limited by the availability of funding.

The maximum award under this program is \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services. Previously funded projects have included town-owned farm improvements, efforts related to farmland preservation, the purchase of processing equipment to increasing the availability of Connecticut Grown products year-round in schools, and a host of other efforts that foster agriculture viability. Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

ORGANIC COST SHARE PROGRAM

DoAg has again entered into a cooperative agreement with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) for the Organic Cost Share Program. Producers and handlers who have received certification from a USDA accredited certifying agent are eligible to participate.

For many farmers, the cost of organic certification can be prohibitive. But by offering reimbursement for certification-

related expenses, the NOP recognizes the cost of regulation and makes certification more affordable to farmers.

Connecticut organic producers and handlers can be reimbursed for a portion of their certification fee. Reimbursement will be 75% (up to \$750) of the certification cost. This year's approved cooperative agreement allows a maximum total of \$48,000 for producers and handlers. This program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Additional information about the program and application materials are available at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

2018 UCONN BEEF AUCTION

The UConn Department of Animal Science will hold the 2018 UConn Beef Auction on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the UConn Cattle Resource Unit (Heifer Barn), Horsebarn Hill Road, Storrs CT 06269. The event is free and open to the general public. Preview of animals begins at 10 a.m., the auction will be held at 12:00 noon. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase.

Approximately 25 UConn animals are expected to be auctioned and may include Angus and Hereford heifers, steers, bulls and pregnant cows. The auction does not accept consignments.

More information, including the animal list, can be seen at <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/beef/beefCalfSale.php#>. For additional information contact Mary Margaret Cole, at Mary_Margaret.Cole@uconn.edu.

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